

NO SLACKERS IN THIS LIST

The examination of registered men was resumed Monday morning by the local Draft Board, beginning with the 189th man on the list, 188 having been examined last week. 272 were examined up to Wednesday night, which with those of last week makes a total of 460 men examined.

Of the 272 men examined this week, about 25 per cent. of the number were rejected for physical disability.

It is thought that the county's quota of 193 men can probably be secured out of the list of those already examined, if not, notices will be mailed for more men in their order on the list, for appearance for examination later on.

Of the 188 men examined last week, 67 of the number, have been certified to the District Board at Findlay, O., as accepted for service.

Following are the names of those accepted by the local board:

Blain Van Tilburg, Rockford.
Fred Harris, Celina.
Chas. Fred Varwig, Celina.
Gallard Earl Protzman, Mendon.
Julius B. Birkmeyer, Coldwater.
Jerome A. Schlosser, St. Henry.
Laird Garrett Fast, Celina.
Dan C. McKinnon, Celina.
Henry F. Huwer, Coldwater.
Wm. Isaac Hampshire, Ft. Recovery.
Geo. Coate, Celina.
Oran D. Monroe, Celina.
Ignatius Henry Rauh, Coldwater.
Vern Stanley Chapman, Celina.
Chas. F. Kuhn, Willsboro.
Frank Ickes, Rockford.
Roma Geo. Bollenbacher, Rockford.
Morris Algier, Rockford.
Ben Berger, Maria Stein.
John Zizelman, Celina.
Leo Elwood Hilbold, Ft. Recovery.
Wm. John Dues, Coldwater.

Ben Dixon, Celina.
Wm. Cavadas, Celina.
Leo John Knapschaffer, Coldwater.
Jas. Moeder, St. Henry.
Christopher Columbus Pierstorff, Celina.
Frank Helmick, Carthage.
Madison Blanchard Stoner, Montezuma.
Aloys Harting, Coldwater.
Joseph Albert Volz, Ft. Recovery.
LeRoy Obadiah Elchar, Rockford.
Orville Monroe, Celina.
Andrew Knapschaffer, Coldwater.
Edwin Jasper Sanner, Ft. Recovery.
Albert Joseph Muehlenkamp, Burkettsville.
David Sharp, Rockford.
Wm. Albert Rohrer, St. Henry.
Chas. King, Burkettsville.
Chas. O. Ellis, Celina.
Maurice Sullivan, Burkettsville.
Carl Earl Fisher, Celina.
Jos. W. Westerges, Ft. Recovery.
Wm. David Stoner, Celina.
Harry Bergman, Coldwater.
James Holland Riley, Rockford.
George Washington Smith, Celina.
Russell Liser, Rockford.
Elroy Dillon, Mercer.
Chas. Selhorst, Coldwater.
Hugo Feltz, St. Henry.
Wm. Huffman, Celina.
Dorman Thatcher, Ft. Recovery.
John A. Kuhn, Coldwater.
Wm. J. Becker, Rockford.
John Huelskamp, Maria Stein.
Frank Heckler, Celina.
Anthony Kahlig, Ft. Recovery.
George Dorsten, Chickasaw.
Raymond D. Agler, Celina.
Earl Dorris Reese, Celina.
Lawrence Frank, Montezuma.
Benjamin Joseph Niekamp, Chickasaw.

Joseph Phelster, Celina.
Geo. J. Dillhoff, St. Henry.
Robt. Henry Kallmeyer, Coldwater.
Grover Powell, Celina.

he was speaking the sentiments of Coldwater people, when probably it was limited to less than half the signers to the petition.

As is well known, petitions are frequently signed by people because they are directed to certain names appended to it, and they add their signatures without inquiring or taking the pains to see what it is all about.

Had the petition been printed in some newspaper two or three weeks, how many signatures do you suppose it would have contained? About one—George Washington Phillips, Jr., a local editor of the Coldwater Chronicle, an old reprobate who ought to know better. Probable the same fellow who led the hoodlums with bad eggs a few years ago and ran a couple ministers out of town for making dry addresses. However, if after due consideration, there is anybody else besides the flea and wart editor who approves of it, we will willingly reprint the petition and print his signature without comment.

That our readers may not be in the dark on the petition, on which Mr. Hebmeyer's firm thoughtlessly affixed its signature, and which they refuse to stand for, will be found below. It is worth reading and thinking over.

The following resolution, adopted and signed by some of the business men of Coldwater on June 7, 1917, is a true copy of the original resolution, and published to show just where Coldwater stands on observance of law:

VILLAGE COUNCIL CHAMBER

Coldwater, Ohio, June 7, 1917.

We, the undersigned business men and citizens of the village of Coldwater, Mercer County, State of Ohio, respectfully set forth that the public sentiment of the inhabitants of the said village of Coldwater, O., heartily and energetically reprobates against the movement of closing butcher shops, bakeries, groceries, ice-cream parlors, poolrooms, moving picture theatres, and other business houses and places of amusement, open on Sundays in the said Village heretofore, believing such a movement to be unnecessary and against the wishes of the inhabitants of the village of Coldwater and vicinity.

Dated at Coldwater, Ohio, June 7th, 1917.

WEEKLY WAR REVIEW

Increasing resisting power of the Russian armies has been shown during the week in the area of the Austro-German offensive on the eastern front, while in the west the British and French pressure is showing results in the further recession of the German line in Belgium.

An example of what seems to be the improved morale of the Russians on the Galician front is provided by the Russian repulse of a heavy Teutonic attack at Brody, northeast of Lemberg. The Russians here still hold a small strip of Galician territory.

The Teutonic attack on the part of Roumania still remaining in entente possession now is being pressed from three sides, and advances for the offensive forces in some sectors are admitted. Field Marshal Von Mackensen's offensive in southern Moldavia seems to be giving the entente command the greatest concern at present, as a highly important line of railway communication along the western Moldavian front is threatened by it. Apparently the drive is aimed at the railway junction of Pantin, possession of which would cut off the branch railway which connects the two lateral lines of communication along this front.

The Flanders battle, while not yet resumed along the whole front, has been raging violently east of Ypres. The recent British gain of ground in the Westhoek region was maintained in its entirety against six violent German counter attacks. In addition General Haig's troops, on the right flank, were able to move their lines forward.

French troops recaptured most of the ground taken from them by the Germans in the St. Quentin region. They also recaptured an important trench the crown prince's forces had won recently south of Arras, on the Aisne front, and broke up a German attack on two miles from the Carlinet region in the Champagne.

On the Italian and Macedonian fronts artillery exchanges featured the week. China formally declared war against Germany and Austria-Hungary, being the seventeenth nation to array itself against the Teutonic allies. Pope Benedict XV on Aug. 14 submitted peace proposals to the belligerent nations. The proposals proposed a restoration of Belgium, Serbia, Roumania and German colonies and leaves open the settlement of the Italian, Alsatian and Polish problems. They suggest a reduction of armaments and settlement of future disputes by arbitration, provide for freedom of the seas and no retaliatory economic struggle after the war, and advise against indemnities that might delay healing of wounds brought by war.

Fourteen British vessels of 1,600 tons and over were sent to the bottom, as against twenty-one the previous week. Two vessels of less than 1,600 tons were sunk. Three fishing boats met with disaster, and thirteen British merchantmen were unsuccessfully attacked.

Canadian troops, according to a London dispatch of Aug. 15, captured Hill 70, dominating Lens, in the coal center of France.

VERY LIGHT VOTE AT CITY PRIMARY

Less than two hundred voters took the time to go to the polls at the village primaries last Tuesday for naming candidates for this fall's municipal elections. The tickets presented by the Democrats and Republicans showed the usual party leaning and less than a half dozen votes were cast for other than the regular candidates. The tickets on which the fall campaign will be waged will be found below, and the vote cast for each of the candidates:

Democratic Ticket	
Mayor—	S. S. Scranton..... 101
Clerk—	A. M. Winter..... 106
Treasurer—	C. H. Detrick..... 101
Marshal—	Shell M. Fisher..... 101
Members of Council—	
John Beardsdorfer.....	74
S. L. Evans.....	91
J. L. Morrow.....	86
P. H. Schunck.....	91
Rudolph Simon.....	81
Gust Winkler.....	78
Board of Public Affairs—	
C. H. Gray.....	85
A. D. McDonnell.....	89
T. A. Weiss.....	93
Members of Board of Education—	
John Meserve.....	85
Republican Ticket	
Mayor—	C. D. Rice..... 26
Treasurer—	George Hendricks..... 28
Marshal—	Chas. Duncan..... 28
Members of Council—	
A. C. F. Gilberg.....	28
J. W. McKee.....	26
N. W. Monroe.....	24
W. H. Spieler.....	21
Members Board of Public Affairs—	
J. F. McGee.....	23
Geo. Weber.....	25
Member Board of Education—	
J. B. Hattery.....	22

AUTO TRUCK FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Council at its regular session Tuesday evening decided in favor of an auto fire truck for the local department, a matter that has been agitating the dads for several months, particularly since the last fire horse was bad. Solicitor Johnson was instructed to draw a certificate of indebtedness in the sum of \$2000 for its purchase and to buy additional horse.

The Celina Vulcanizing Co. was given permission to put in a gasoline tank in front of its place of business and an ordinance was passed to fix the amount that may be paid special police and the maximum number that may be detailed for service.

President Schunck of the county Red Cross association asked and was granted permission to float a Red Cross flag from the City Hall tower, to be dedicated to the local organization.

Mrs. John Gillespie asked for the opening of a street in Lakeview addition and the matter put up to the street committee.

The report of the B. P. A. and an appropriate ordinance were read and approved. Council will meet in adjourned session again next Monday evening.

YOUNG FT. RECOVERY MAN DECLARED INSANE

Russell Stoner, age 19, of Ft. Recovery, was adjudged insane Monday afternoon in probate court. Examining physicians were Dr. W. C. Roberson, of Ft. Recovery, and Dr. D. H. Miller, of this city.

Teh unfortunate lad felt that he was full of electricity and while he seemed rational part of the time, he generally talked at random, that someone was always trying to kill him with electricity. He narrated a trip to Judge Younger, that he took around the world, in an automobile, a Studebaker body and Ford engine. The trip he stated was made in one day and was full of wonders and mysteries.

Deputy Sheriff Schindler and Glen Stoner, as assistant, took him to Toledo Hospital Tuesday morning.

SOCIAL GOSSIP

A very pleasant dinner party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Luth last Sunday in honor of Mrs. Luth's sister, Mrs. T. P. TonVelle, and her sons, residents of Youngstown, who are making Celina a visit. The party consisted of Veteran Martin Greck and wife, Frank Greck and family, Mrs. Elizabeth Hole and Kern Craig.

Friends and relatives of Henry Gertz gathered at his home last Sunday to help him celebrate his 47th birthday, and all had a most enjoyable time and wish Henry had them more frequently. Those who helped remind him that he had reached another milestone on the road of life were Elizabeth Gertz, Charlie Sealcoat, wife and children, Alvera, Albert, Forest, Ruth, Edith, Tony Bollender, wife and son Lester; Otto Fahneke, wife and daughter Lauretta; Allen West, Minnie Gertz, John Fahneke and wife, Lydia West, Anna Gertz, Martha Fahneke, Leonard and John Fiehl, Henry Fahneke, wife and son Herman and Herbert; Thornton West, John and Henry Gertz, Columbus West and wife, Anna Suhr, Hugo Fahneke, Edward Suhr, Ross West and wife, Carl Fahneke, Ernest Suhr, Paul Fahneke, Henry Suhr and wife, and Robert, Mae, Lee, Fern and Lela Suhr. Music and games ended the afternoon's pleasures.

Week of Shoe Bargains
One week of special bargains, beginning August 18, in white and black low shoes for men, women and children, at 98c, \$1.48, \$1.98 and \$2.48. Heliwarth's Shoe Store, Ott building, Fayette st.

ERNSBERGER DITCH WORK TO BE SOLD AUGUST 18

The trustees of this township will sell the work of constructing what is known as the Ernsberger ditch on the 18th inst. at the office of Clerk Winter at the City Hall, where profile and specifications may be seen. It will require about 2000 feet of ten-inch tile.

FIFTH MEETING LUTHER LEAGUES

The Luther Leagues of Mercer County and Salamina, Indiana, will hold their fifth annual convention at Zion's Church at Chattanooga on Labor Day, Monday, September 3. The program follows: Morning session, 10 a.m. Opening hymn, page 17, S. S. Hymnal, "Oh, Bless the Lord My Soul." Devotional services. Hymn, page 42 S. S. Hymnal, "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken." Address of welcome, Zion's League. Response, Ft. Recovery League, Thurman Gral.

Selection of officers and other business. Anthem, Ft. Recovery Choir. Essay, "The Meaning of the 95 Theses," by Elizabeth Vaeger, Salamina League. Hymn, page 128, S. S. Hymnal, "My Church, My Church, My Dear Old Church."

Noon, basket dinner and social hour. Afternoon session, 2 p.m. Opening hymn, page 122, S. S. Hymnal, "Zion Stands With Hill Surrounding."

Essay, "The Young People's Society in Its Relation to the Congregation," Mary Siebert, Hopewell League. Essay, "The Quadracentennial, Its Purpose and Spirit," Clara Schroeder, St. Paul's League, Washington township. Anthem—Celina choir.

Essay, "Team Work and the Cause of Christ," Theodore Weinmann, St. Paul's League, Liberty township. Hymn, page 126, S. S. Hymnal, "A Tower of Strength Our God Is Still."

Lunch and social hour. Evening services, 7:30 p.m. Devotional services. Selection by Zion's choir. Male quartet, with soprano obligate. Lecture by Rev. Hugo G. Schmidt, of Middletown, O. Soprano solo, Miss Rosa Betzel. Closing services. Hymn.

THEY ARE OFF, BUT DESTINATION UNCERTAIN

Bronson and Fred Gilberg, sons of Edw. Gilberg of the Observer, and Alpha Hartzell and Carl Bauer, who enlisted in Battery A, Third Ohio Field Artillery some time since, leave this morning for Columbus to join their organization. They have been visiting home folks. They expect to go into a training camp, but their destination is a secret—it may be in the south and it may be in France.

IN CUPID'S DOMAIN

O. D. Monroe, of Montezuma, and Miss Irene Springer, of this city, well known and popular young people, were quietly wedded at Montezuma, for the residence of Rev. C. S. Johnson, in the west part of town. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. E. J. Moffett. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Norris Monroe, the latter a brother of the groom. The young couple will reside temporarily at Montezuma, for the groom is uncertain at present whether Uncle Sam will demand his services at the front or not.

John Monk, of Owens, O., and Miss Leah Beth Counterman, of Mercer, this county, were married at the home of Rev. J. P. Hight last Saturday evening, the pastor, Rev. Roebuck, performing the ceremony. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Helen, and Miss Opal Sutton. The newlyweds will make their home at Owens.

Earl Smith, of Ft. Loramie, and Miss Lolo Hanna, a popular Montezuma girl, were wedded at the M. E. Circuit parsonage here Saturday, the witnesses being the mother of the bride and the groom's friend, Chas. Forwerck. The couple was married by Rev. Roebuck. The young people will reside at Ft. Loramie.

Raymond Snider, a well known young farmer residing a few miles north of town, and Miss Hila Kull of this city were united in marriage at the home of Rev. J. P. Hight last Saturday evening, the reverend gentleman performing the service that made them husband and wife. They have had the good wishes of a large circle of friends for a happy and prosperous married life.

Marriage Licenses Issued

John Monk, 39, Marion county, Ohio, cooper, son of James Monk, and Leah Beth Counterman, 25, Mercer, dressmaker, daughter of Marion Counterman. Rev. A. H. Roebuck.
Oran D. Monroe, 22, Celina, machinist, son of D. S. Monroe, and Irene Springer, 24, Celina, housekeeper, daughter of W. H. Springer.
Earl Smith, 23, Ft. Loramie, O., laborer, son of Wm. Smith, and Lolo Hanna, 19, Montezuma, housekeeper, daughter of Geo. Hanna.
Raymond Snider, 25, Celina, farmer, son of Chas. G. Snider, and Hila Kull, 18, Celina, housekeeper, daughter of J. F. Kull.

Don't forget it is not long until Fair week. If it is nice weather almost everybody will want low shoes. Big Pete sells them from 25c to \$6.00.

Wednesday promises to be the "Big Day" at the Great Dark County Fair, Greenville, Aug. 27th to 31st. There will be the customary big soldier's reunion, at 10th Sunday schools of the County will send delegations and besides it will be known as Red Cross Day. 50 per cent of the total receipts of the Grand Stand for Wednesday will be donated to the Red Cross.

Kinsey Comedy Company here all next week.

WELL SPENT LIFE COMES TO AN END

As the result of a stroke of paralysis a few weeks since, combined with age and poor health, George Zay, for many years a well known business man of Celina, passed away Tuesday morning at his home in this city. He had only been confined to the house since last Saturday, but that he was in rapid decline was noted by his friends on the return of himself and his wife from their winter home in the south this spring.

Mr. Zay came to Celina about thirty-five years ago, first engaging in the drug business. In the oil boom period he almost bankrupted himself in a big business venture which caught many Celina people. In the latter part of his business career he ran the hardware store in the building now occupied by Hight, the drugist, from which he retired about twelve years ago and erected what is now known as the Zay building, putting business cares behind him.

Mr. Zay was born in Germany and was 77 years of age. He came to this country when a lad of twelve. He was a veteran of the civil war, a prominent Mason and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The deceased is survived by a wife and one daughter, Mrs. Orel Myers. Funeral services were held from the home yesterday afternoon and his remains taken to Wapakoneta for temporary interment.

GETS KNOCKOUT FOR BEING TOO FRESH

Acc Kennard, of near Coldwater, ended a "won't be home 'til morning" party in this city, last Saturday night rather disastrously.

Kennard with a bunch of jolly good fellows was pretty well "lanked up" and started getting familiar with a number of young ladies on the street.

Charles Hunter, wife and child asserted that he made himself so far were walking down Fayette street and happened to be in front of Kennard and his companions, and it is malar as to plunk Mrs. Hunter several times, under cover of the crowd.

She finally told her husband, (who happens to be an ex-sailor, and all man), and upon asserting himself of the right party, proceeded with two Fitzsimmons punches with his left consecutively in the middle of Kennard's face, which knocked out the culprit and put him in the doctor's care.

The Democrat does not wish to discourage the officers in not making arrests, but they are to be congratulated in keeping hands off in this case, as a good bat in the nose, would probably do more to cure some of these Saturday night drunken, beer-slops than a dollar and costs, or a few days in the county jail.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Only twenty-six out of 104 examined by the draft board Monday were found unfit for service in Uncle Sam's army.

Misses Emma Ott and Mary Wesker, well known local milliners, who have been attending the openings at Chicago, return home Saturday.

A card to Mrs. Henry Hendrick last Tuesday from Dayton announced the arrival there of a baby girl at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Brock, former Celina people.

Members of White Oak Camp, W.O.W. of this city, witnessed degree work of their order Wednesday evening, after which they enjoyed refreshments and a splendid social hour.

At the Gun Club shoot at Mercelina Park last Tuesday Ed Bruene led with 92 breaks out of a possible 100 chances. Jake Weber got 20 out of 25, just to show that he had not forgotten his batting eye altogether.

Mrs. Anna Keifer, an aged lady, was knocked down by an automobile driven by Miss Margaret Dyser last Saturday night while crossing Main street at the intersection of Fayette. By grabbing the fender the aged woman kept the machine from running upon her. She was slightly bruised. The accident caused considerable commotion at the time, but seems to have been unavoidable.

Fred Olmhausen and family, for some twenty years residents of this city, left for Texas the first of the week, where they will make their future home. Mr. Olmhausen's health has not been the best for the past year or more and hopes to better it with out-door life in the south, and has purchased a farm near the Gulf with that end in view.

While passing a buggy Sunday night behind a spirited animal, Howard Krogman of Hopewell township, in company with a young lady, were dumped out of their buggy by their horse giving a sudden lurch. The young lady was thrown into a ditch but was unhurt. Krogman clung to horse and vehicle until it was stopped and was considerably bruised up.

BIG TENT SHOW

Kinsey Comedy Company—all next week, starting Monday, August 20. Headed by Miss Madge Kinsey. All new vaudeville and plays. Harry Edison and his dog. Doc. Opening play, "Thorns and Orange Blossoms." "Little Lost Sister," "Shepherd of the Hills," "Jease James."

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BOOZER SENT TO WORKS FOR VIOLATING PAROLE

Harry A. Lucas, much in the limelight, was arrested at Lima last Saturday and brought to this city on charge of non-support and disregarding the terms of his probation in the probate court of this city. He was enjoying his liberty on condition that he pay \$3 per week for the keep of his little daughter and cut out booze, both of which he failed to do. Judge Younger ordered him to the Day-ton work house for 90 days recreation as a result and Sheriff Pamphrey polited him there Monday.

APPENDICITIS GETTING UNPLEASANTLY COMMON

Three Mercer county ladies underwent operations at a Lima hospital the past week on account of appendicitis. Mrs. Joseph Knapp was operated on early in the week, and Miss Edna Pierstorff and Mrs. Wm. Alt last Friday. The latter were taken to Lima under the direction of Dr. Brumm of this city. All are reported progressing favorably.

FINE BOUQUET HANDED CELINA BUSINESS MEN

The Mt. Carmel Community Chautauqua was a grand success both in program and attendance. The program throughout consisted of mighty fine talent which was both entertaining and instructive. So pleased was everybody who attended that it was decided to again have another one next year. The large evangelistic tent secured of Rev. W. E. Turner was big enough to accommodate the crowds, the lumber dealers, Estey & Stephenson, assisted the chautauqua by furnishing the seats, while Wm. Alt put in a Merrell Electric Light plant and gave most satisfactory light, and Bauer and Heffner gave the use of a Richmond piano. All these splendid helps of these mighty fine business men of Celina rendered much service towards making the Chautauqua a success. Other business men assisted by giving their aid. The assistance of the business men of Celina and their attendance (which was not as large as it should have been) is all appreciated by the people of Mt. Carmel Community, and places them in better relation to the business men of Celina, and under new

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UNION TOWNSHIP FARM HOUSE GOES UP IN FLAMES

The home of H. S. Simmons, about two miles northeast of Mendon, was destroyed by fire, together with its contents, last Sunday, while the family was visiting several miles away. A coal oil stove is blamed for the catastrophe. A hired man and a young man were at the barn when the fire was first noticed, but their attempts to extinguish it were unavailing, and it was only by the aid of neighbors that a barn and tool shed were saved. The loss is placed at \$2,000, with only \$600 insurance.

One in Dublin Also Banned While Family Is Absent

A fire of unknown origin on the Aug. Eichenauer farm, in Dublin township, destroyed the fine farm house and its contents last Saturday evening while the family was at Rockford. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

STOCK STRAYED OR KIDNAPPED

E. M. Dull, the stock-buyer, through his attorney, John Kramer, last Tuesday filed suit against the Lake Erie & Western Railroad Co. and Judson Harmon and Rufus B. Smith, as receivers of the C. H. & D. Railroad Co.

Plaintiff avers that in December, 1916, he shipped a number of cattle and hogs to Cincinnati over the above named railroads, that four cattle and six hogs of this shipment were never delivered.

Judgment in the sum of \$230 is asked.

PERSONAL

Miss Elizabeth Metzner, who has been taking a course of music at Cincinnati, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bruns, of Dayton, were first of the week guests of County Treasurer Frank Benke and wife.

Rev. H. N. Brobst and family, who have been spending their summer vacation at Hessel, Mich., are expected home to-day.

Louis Huelsman, of St. Henry, was among The Democrat's callers while in town yesterday looking after some business matters.

Chas. A. Wyckoff, of Miami, Florida, is here visiting relatives, reaching Celina in time to see his brother-in-law, George Zay, before his death.

Miss Luella Cordier is home from Chicago, where she spent the summer. Her sister, Mrs. O. C. Thompson, accompanied her home for a week's visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Metzner, of Oak Park, Ill., who have been visiting at the home of Mr. Metzner's father here the past fortnight, have returned home.

Miss Ruth Chandler, of Missouri, accompanied by Bernard and Miss Mayme Vocke, of Sidney, were guests of the Chas. Studer family the latter part of last week.

Rev. J. E. Harmon, of Evansville, Ind., who was succeeded in the pastorate of the local Lutheran congregation by Rev. Reitz, the present pastor, a few years since, was in Celina the first of the week, paying a visit to as many of his former parishioners as he was able to see. He was accompanied by Mrs. Harmon. They left for home Wednesday evening.

OLD LANDMARK WIPED OUT BY FIRE

The "Nick" Johnson home on the Coldwater Creek, two and a half miles southwest of town, was burned to the ground Saturday evening, together with most of its contents, entailing a loss of about \$3,000, partly covered by insurance. The fire is said to have been caused by an over-heated coal oil stove, on which supper was being prepared by a niece of Mr. Johnson, who was absent for a moment. In attempting to remove some of the contents of the burning structure Mr. Johnson received slight burns and the attending excitement all but put him out. The barn on the south side of the road was threatened for a time but escaped without loss.

The home of Mr. Johnson was one of the landmarks of the county, being the site of the home of his father, "Uncle Jimmy" Johnson, as he was known half a century ago, and who died early in the seventies. The Johnsons, "Nick" as well as his father, were early canal boatmen, and The Democrat man well remember when their craft was put into winter quarters at the old waste weir at the mouth of Coldwater Creek, and their names were familiar on the Miami and Erie canal from Toledo to Cincinnati.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS WABASH S. TO GIVE SOCIAL

The men's bible class of the Wabash Sunday school will give an ice cream social at the township hall Saturday evening, August 18. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The men who will serve are as follows:

Table waiters—Carl Spriggs, Chas. Wright, Horace Day, Dexter Day, Zura Spriggs, Samuel Fishbaugh and Forest Martin.

Ice Cream Moulders—J. P. Wright and A. J. Boice.

Dish washers—Wm. Byerly, Lionel Gibbons and Russell Doner.

Cake Cutters—Charles Teeters and Bert Holden.

The ladies of the vicinity are requested to bring cakes.

FIRST CELINA LAD TO LAND ON FRENCH SOIL

Mr. and Mrs. John Leifeld of this city received a cablegram from the son Clarence Wednesday, announcing his safe arrival in France. He is with an engineering corps in the 17th Regiment that left Atlanta, Ga., about three weeks ago. Clarence is the first Celina boy in Uncle Sam's service, we believe, to put his feet on French soil in the world-war against Prussianism.

THE GRIM REAPER

Mrs. Sarah Hansel, the venerable wife of Wm. Hansel of West Wayne street, this city, after an illness of several months and intense suffering, passed beyond this vale of tears last Tuesday evening. Death was due to dropsy and old age. The deceased was born in Hocking county, this state, and three years after her marriage to Mr. Hansel, which occurred August, 1857, they came to this county, locating in Hopewell township, where they lived until they moved to Celina thirteen years ago. Her maiden name was Hanbey.

Mrs. Hansel was seventy-nine years of age and the mother of ten children, eight of whom, with the aged husband, survive her. They are Mrs. Mary Wilson, of Greene county; Mrs. Frank Worthman, of Mercer; Mrs. Ida Beougher, John, George, Joseph, Henry and August,